

This will be the last Did You Know of the school year. Next Monday is Memorial Day and I'm hoping you might find these facts something you can share with your family and friends or might be good on a game show someday! [7 Interesting Facts About Memorial Day | Time](#)

1. **Red River Tech gives EMS, nursing students real-life trauma training.** Emergency medical services and nursing students at Red River Technology Center recently demonstrated their skills during a live simulation. The students responded to a mock accident with the assistance of The Chickasaw Nation, Stephens County, the city of Duncan, Duncan Fire Department, Duncan Police Department, Survival Flight, Tri County Wrecking and Sellers Savage, all of which provided equipment and personnel, according to *The Duncan Banner*.

The students first watched the professional crews respond before resetting the scene and responding themselves, the newspaper said. The simulation allows students to "get some experience of being in charge instead of just watching all of the time," EMS instructor Jeff Prater told the newspaper. Read more on [The Duncan Banner website](#)

2. **Wavy-shaped wounds heal up to five times faster** than straight wounds due to the swirling motion of healing cells arriving at the damage site; findings may allow for quicker healing surgical incisions ([More](#))
3. **DO NOT LEAVE SCHOOL- without registering for Oklahoma Summit! Early Bird Registration closes July 15, 2023.** [Click here to register](#)
4. **There are many job openings within the CareerTech system.** Please share with friends or family. [Employment at CareerTech \(oklahoma.gov\)](#)
5. Between 2020 and 2022, The National Center for Educational Statistics reported **the largest average decline in reading scores since 1990, and the first ever drop in math.** Brian Johnson, a former teacher turned consultant, has designated three focus areas that can help educators: affirming students, cultivating student-centered culture and reimagining the physical classroom environment. [Brian Johnson: How to teach "for" students, not "at" them | TED Talk](#)
6. I found this article titled "**What's Lost When a Teacher Leaves a School**" to be very interesting—especially it's ties to the entire school success! [What's Lost When a Teacher Leaves a School | EdSurge News](#)
7. TeachAI is a new **website and resource for artificial intelligence (AI) in teaching** from some of the biggest names in tech and education, including Code.org, ETS, ISTE, Khan Academy, and World Economic Forum. "This is not a group of organizations that are coming together saying, 'We have all the AI answers. Sit down and listen to us,'" says Joseph South, Chief Learning Officer at ISTE. "This is a group of organizations saying, 'We've been in this space for a long time. We've been thoughtful about issues, and we want to engage a larger conversation.'" **Full Story:** [Tech & Learning](#)
8. As you may know, the **Oklahoma State Department of Education is providing Defined Learning at no cost to all public schools in Oklahoma.** The funding for this program is made available through the OSDE's federal relief funds to address disruptions in learning due to the pandemic. [Defined Learning](#) provides teachers with the curriculum resources they need to engage students in meaningful project-based learning (PBL). **All K-12 public schools in OK have access to these free PBL solutions:** [Defined Learning:](#) An online library of standards-aligned performance tasks that are searchable by grade, subject, and standard. [Defined Learning Computer Science:](#) Engaging computer science projects that include career-connected tasks that highlight computational thinking, problem-solving, and application of computing skills. To learn more, please visit this Intro to [Defined Learning for OK](#) page. For your school's access information, fill out this [Get Started OK](#) form.
9. Are you **working on curriculum** this summer? Do you know what your school has asked to be approved for your program? Now is the time to identify your resources to teach each course and objective. Not sure about how to get started? Email lara.morris@careertech.ok.gov or Susie.Meachern-Lauer@careertech.ok.gov or Gilda Austin at gilda.austin@careertech.ok.gov and we can show you resources for cross-walking your curriculum.
10. One of my favorite sites—Character Strong talks about a **way to engage students in helping others:** [The Question That's Not Getting Asked | CharacterStrong](#)

11. Applications are due this **Monday, May 22**, for **scholarships from the NLN Foundation** for Nursing Education. Awards of up to \$8,000 support students looking to grow their career as full-time nurse educators and further the NLN's mission to build a strong and diverse nursing workforce through nursing education. [Apply HERE!](#)
- **NLN Nursing Education Scholarship Award:** For [master's or doctoral students](#) enrolled in accredited programs who have completed at least one full year of study.
 - **Edmund J.Y. Pajarillo Health Informatics and Innovation Scholarship:** For nurses and nurse educators enrolled in an accredited graduate level program focusing on [health informatics and innovation in research in nursing education](#).
 - **NLN Cecelia Lou Vriheas Scholarship Award:** For nurses and nurse educators enrolled in an accredited graduate level program who are the [first generation in their family to pursue higher education](#) and belong to an historically marginalized/excluded group.
 - **NLN Health Carousel Nurse Educator Scholarship Award:** For nurses and nurse educators enrolled in an accredited graduate level program who [received their initial nursing degree outside of the United States](#) but are now licensed in the US.
12. **New Teacher Training for HCE** will be **July 19 and 20** at the Ok Dept. of CareerTech Education in Stillwater: [HCE New Teacher Academy \(oklahoma.gov\)](#) Link should be live today to register!!
- It's been another amazing school year and I'm blessed to get to spend it with you! The 12-month teachers and I will still be hanging out, along with our staff this summer, so if you'd like a new teacher visit, or have questions, we are here! Take care and be safe out there!

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